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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have no proposals for the amalgamation of the two districts. The Government are unable to build separate offices at Srikakulam this year owing to financial stringency, and the misconception may have arisen owing to this decision."

Protection to the fruit and vegetable gardens in Cuddapah district.

* 460 *Q.*—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the District Food Production Advisory Committee, Cuddapah, requested the Government to protect the fruit and vegetable gardens and crops from monkey, flying fox and bird menace by destroying them;

(*b*) whether the Entomologist to the Government made any suggestions to destroy these pests; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) At its meeting held on 31st October 1952, the Cuddapah District Food Production Committee resolved to address the Government to send parties for catching monkeys and sending them to other countries. The resolution was forwarded to Government on 9th December 1952 by the Collector.

" (*b*) The Government Entomologist, Coimbatore, has suggested to the local District Agricultural Officer certain methods for the control of monkeys, like trapping, shooting and catching and sterilizing. None of these is practicable. As regards bird menace, he has suggested that indigenous methods could be relied upon."

" (*c*) The matter is under examination."

Distribution of gifts from Russian and Chinese people.

* 461 *Q.*—SRI G. YELLAMANDA REDDY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the gifts of rice, wheat, money, etc., offered by Russian and Chinese people for famine relief are being distributed by the Government departmentally or through the Red-Cross Society in this State; and

(*b*) if so, how many gruel centres and other relief works are run by the Red-Cross Society in Nellore district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The distributing organization is the Indian Red-Cross Society and stocks are received by the Collector and used in the gruel centres.

" (*b*) The Red-Cross Society is not running any gruel centres or other relief works in the Nellore district."

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SRI K. SUBBA REDDI :—" ఆర్యా, ప్రభుత్వమువారు ఈ ప్రశ్నను బాగుగా అర్థముచేసుకొని సమాధానము ఇవ్వవలెనని కోరుచున్నాను.

"రష్యా, చైనాలనుండి వచ్చిన ధాన్యము మా తాలూకాకు కొంతవచ్చినది. ఆ ధాన్యము ఇక్కడఉన్న 13 gruel centres కు రెండు నెలలకు సరిపోతుంది. ఇప్పుడు అధికారులు తలా 4 మానికలు ఒకే రోజున పంపిణీ చేయుటకు నిశ్చయించారు. కనుక దీనిని పునరాలోచించి gruel centres కు ఎక్కువ ధాన్యము సప్లయిచేయడానికి అవకాశము కలుగజేస్తారా? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Russian and Chinese grains may have more propaganda value but not more nutrition value."

The Krishna Co-operative Central Bank, Machilipatnam.

* 462 *Q.*—SRI G. ANJANEYULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state whether the Government have received any reports on the administration of the Krishna Co-operative Central Bank, Machilipatnam, Krishna district, from any of the local leaders and village co-operative societies and if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter? 10-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Some representations on the working of the Krishna Co-operative Central Bank, Machilipatnam, were received from two gentlemen of Machilipatnam. No representation has been received from any Co-operative Society.

" The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has been directed to enquire into the allegations and submit his report. Necessary action will be taken on the receipt of his report."

Fixation of the price of paddy in Malabar.

* 463 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum from the M.L.As. of Malabar regarding the difficulties that the tenants of Malabar are facing due to the non-fixation of the price of paddy; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken on the above?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Yes. Government have received a memorandum from certain M.L.As. of Malabar and one of the requests therein is that the price at which paddy should be valued for the purpose of paying rent should be fixed at a reasonable level not exceeding the procurement price of paddy which obtained immediately prior to decontrol.

" (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to Legislative Assembly question No. 238 (starred) answered on 3rd December 1952."